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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF BDG POSITION ON MARITIME BOUNDARY ISSUE

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- 1. ON MAY 11, MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CLARIFIED TO POLOFF THE BDG POSITION ON THE MARITIME BOUNDARY ISSUE. HE SAID THAT CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, THE BDG WILL NOT BE SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A "LATITUDE" METHOD OF DELINEATE THE BASELINE. HE CLAIMED TO BE PUZZLED BY SUCH A PRESS REFERENCE. INSTEAD, THE BDG WILL SEEK SUPPORT FOR A "DEPTH" METHOD, WHICH WOULD DETERMINE THE BASELINE BY A STRAIGHT LINE OR SERIES OF STREIGHT LINES LINKING GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES WHICH LIE AT A CERTAIN DEPT OF WATER.
- 2. THE BANGLADESH PROPOSAL, FIRST SUBMITTED AT THE THRID UN CONFERENCE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECOND SENTENCE OF ARTICLE 6, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE INFORMAL NEGOTIATING TEXT, PART II, IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: WHERE BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF A DELTA AND OTHER NATURAL CONDITIONS THE WATERS ADJACENT TO THE COAST ARE MARKED BY CONTINUOUS FLUVIAL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CREATING A HIGHLY UNSTABLE BASELINE, THE BASELINE MAY BE DELIMITED BY A STRAIGHT LINE OR SERIES OF STRAIGHT LINES CONNECTING

APPROPRIATE POINTS ON SUCH ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: BANGLADESH SEEKS SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL AT THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI. MASTERS $\,$

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